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TEN CENTS A WEEK

THRILLING RESCUE FROM SINKING SHIP

Captain and Crew Saved From Watery Graves.

VESSEL HAD SPRUNG A LEAK

Half Frozen, the Men Bent to the Pumps, but to No Avail, and the Ship Became a Floating Iceberg—Captain Fires the Boat.

New York, Feb. 9.—The identity of the burning schooner, a torch upon the great highway of the Atlantic, sighted by the St. Paul off the Banks was made known yesterday when the Atlantic Transport liner Mesaba, from London, brought into port Captain William Fitzgerald and his crew of seven, of the schooner Amanda, from St. John's, N. F., for Bahia. They were rescued by the Mesaba at a time when their sinking vessel had less than 24 hours of life left in her.

The Amanda, a three-master, had sailed in rough weather from St. John's on Jan. 24 with a cargo of salt fish. She into ice and sprung a leak. The temperature was 10 degrees below zero. She had put on a heavy coat of ice and was constantly adding to it.

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Captain Fitzgerald ordered the anchors dropped, the ensign was set half-way up the mainmast and a sharp lookout kept.

Half frozen, day and night, the men bent to the pumps. Still the schooner settled.

On the afternoon of Feb. 1, Second Mate and Boatswain James McCarthy sighted the smoke of the Mesaba on the lee bow, 4½ miles away. The Mesaba had sighted them first, had slightly altered her course and came to the rescue, sending out a lifeboat.

The eight men watched their chances as the boat rose and fell. They were on nearly frozen ice could hardly stand, but one by one they jumped into the arms of the rescuers safely, with the exception of Patrick Wreck the cook. He was nearly across the ice on his way to the rail when a heavy sea struck the schooner, knocking him down and throwing him up against the rail, cutting his head and wounding him internally. The doctor gave the first aid.

Captain Fitzgerald, before leaping, the last to abandon her, set his vest on fire in order to free the path of navigation of a menace.

Captain Fitzgerald saved his gold watch, which was presented to him by the emperor of Germany for saving a crew of 30 from a sinking ship in mid-ocean on Jan. 6, 1904.

Second Mate James McCarthy also saved his gold watch, a gift from the governor of Newfoundland, in recognition of his heroism in saving the life of a girl at Cadiz on Jan. 8, 1901.

Second Mate McCarthy has in this life a brother whom he has not seen for 12 years, and wishes his brother to know that he can be found at No. 52 Market street.

COAST GUARD NEWPORT DISABLED.

Navy Department Receives Information to This Effect.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The navy department has received a telegram from the captain of a Boston fruit steamer stating that he passed the gunboat Newport on Feb. 3, about 70 miles east of Cape Hatteras, going south, all with her propeller gone. Nothing has been heard from the steamer since, but it is supposed she is on her way back to Norfolk for repairs, and has been delayed on account of the heavy winds. She was commanded by Commander A. Mertz in command of the Newport.

KILL WIFE SAYS GOOD SPIRIT.

So White Man Claims and He Tried to Carry Out Orders.

Gainesville, Ga., Feb. 9.—J. H. Shirley, a white man who has lived at New Holland for some time, has been placed in jail, and will be tried on a writ of lunacy. He has been acting queerly for some time, and claims that the good spirit tells him to do many curious things. Many people here believe that acting on the delusion that he was ordered to do so, has been the party guilty of shooting Harmon and Miss Taylor and committing the lawless acts of this community, which resulted in terrorizing the town.

Some time ago Shirley claimed that the good spirit told him to cut off his finger, and he promptly wracked it off with a knife. Later he told his wife he had been told by the spirit to kill her, and he endeavored to do so, but was restrained. Since the first two nights of the shooting here he has been kept under close watch, but the authorities deemed it wise today to arrest him. He inquired of the sheriff if he was not suspected of the shootings. When told that he was, he said that he could not be guilty of that, as that would be the instructions of the evil spirit.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

Mother Loses Life Trying to Save Her Baby from Horrible Death.

Cedartown, Ga., Feb. 9.—One of the most shocking casualties that ever occurred in Polk county transpired Tuesday morning by which Mrs. Walter Schliestett and her little 4-year-old boy lost their lives.

The husband had gone to the Grady mines, where he is foreman, and the wife was attending to the duties of the household, when the little boy ran into the room to its mother with its clothes afire.

Mrs. Schliestett threw her skirts around the child to smother out the blaze, but in her efforts to have her little one she set her own clothing afire, and both were horribly burned.

After extinguishing the fire from the child's clothes, which were high burned completely up, she ran out of the house into the yard and rolled over in the snow and ice in her effort to put out the fire of her own clothing.

Her screams brought a near neighbor, but the victims had almost every article of clothing completely burned from their bodies, and both mother and child died in agonies a few hours later.

ENTIRE FAMILY WIPED OUT.

Three People Were Drowned in Oliphant's Mill Pond.

Mount Holly, N. J., Feb. 9.—An entire family, consisting of Shinn O. Ballinger and wife and the latter's sister, Miss Mary Taylor, of Medford, N. J., was wiped out as the result of a drowning accident at Oliphant's mill pond here this afternoon.

The victims were hurrying home and to save time, started to cross the pond. They had gone but a short distance when the ice, which was less than 2 inches thick, gave way under them and they disappeared in deep water. Their struggles were without avail, and the party became exhausted and drowned before aid could be summoned.

A boy, who was at the edge of the pond, was the sole witness of the tragedy.

All the bodies were recovered.

STRICKEN BLIND IN STREET.

Young Man Seeking Work in Bridgeport Loses His Eyesight.

Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 9.—While walking along the street seeking work in this city today Charles Cohen, a young man of Boston, fell to the sidewalk exclaiming, "I cannot see! I am blind!"

A companion, Charles Buck, called a policeman, who sent the unfortunate youth to the Charities Department, where he was cared for. Cohen and Buck say that they both left a New York hospital last week. They have but \$1.50 between them, and were seeking work at snow-shoveling to earn enough to get to Boston.

It is not known whether Cohen's blindness will be permanent or not.

SOUTHLAND AGAIN IN CLASP OF ICE KING

Atlanta Is Storm Center of the Sleet and Rain.

BUSINESS IS AT A STANDSTILL

Street Cars Stopped; City in Darkness;

Telephone and Telegraph Lines Out of Commission—Railroad Trains Are Running On Schedule Time.

Atlanta, Feb. 9.—Forecaster Marbury is unable to announce with any degree of accuracy what the weather will do, as during the morning he has received no advices except one from Washington, D. C., which says that rain may be looked for Wednesday night, with probably warmer weather. The conditions from the surrounding territory being wanting, the forecaster hesitates to predict what Atlanta may expect.

It may be stated, however, that he does not, so far as he can judge from local conditions, look for any serious fall of the mercury within the next 24 hours.

A feature of the present unusual local condition is the fact that Atlanta has suffered more from the absence of information than any of its sister cities. Augusta, Memphis, Savannah and other southern points have received their weather reports with but slight interruption, while Atlanta received none on Monday, and next to none up to 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. This shows that the storm of sleet and ice in and around Atlanta has probably been the worst in the south.

Freezing weather, coupled with a steady downpour of rain, followed closely upon the heels of the recent heavy sleet storm, has placed Atlanta in another bad plight. The conditions that confronted the people Wednesday morning, when they awoke from their slumbers, were almost as bad as those of Monday.

Trolley cars stopped, telephones disabled and old mother earth wearing a heavy coat of ice, making walking unpleasant and unsafe, was the state of affairs, and, in addition, a steady rain was falling. As the water struck the ground and splattered about much of it was immediately converted into ice, replenishing the sleet, which yesterday, under the rays of the sun, gave way to slush and water.

The rain froze hard on telephone, telegraph and trolley wires, while the shade trees all over the city were laden almost to the breaking point with ice. Indeed, in a number of places the trees gave way to the heavy load, and many limbs were broken, falling to the ground.

The indications Tuesday were that Atlanta would soon be free from the reign of the Ice King, and that conditions would be restored to their normal state. The weather was rapidly growing warmer, and the sleet was melting and flowing away in the sewers. Rejoicing was general. Everyone, even the children, had had enough of the sleet storm, and as conditions changed for the better, business in the city took on new life.

About 7:30 it began to rain, not very hard, but just hard enough to thoroughly wet the ground. At first the fall was light and the impression was that it would soon hold up, but as time wore on, seconds became minutes and minutes became hours, the rain increased and the temperature began to fall, not very fast, but quite enough for it to be noticeable.

Conditions in Southern Cities.
Richmond—Cloudy, 25 degrees.
Augusta—Raining and sleeting, 32 degrees.

Louisville—Sleeting, with rain, and freezing, 25 degrees.

Mobile—Foggy, 42 degrees.

New Orleans—Raining for 36 hours; 65 degrees.

Memphis—Rain and sleet all night, 25 degrees.

Jacksonville—Cloudy, cool.

Macon—Windy, 33 degrees.

Charleston—Rain, 37 degrees.

Birmingham—Rain, 33 degrees.

Chattanooga—Rain and sleet, 32 degrees.

Montgomery—42 degrees.

Raleigh—Snowing, 30 degrees.
Washington—Clear.
Charlotte—Rain and sleet.
Savannah—Rain, 46 degrees.

JILTED RIVAL KILLS WOMAN.

Husband of Murdered Wife Identifies Old Lover as Slayer.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—"He killed her! He killed her! That's the fellow." He gave me back her pocketbook in the dark, too."

John A. Kirkpatrick, almost crazed with grief and anger, this morning made these remarks in the Allegheny police station when told of the appearance of Norman H. Geyser, who was arrested for the murder of the beautiful young Mrs. Kirkpatrick last Saturday evening. Her body was found frozen stiff 14 hours later in a vacant lot.

"I know he killed her," continued Kirkpatrick, frantically, as he tried to get at the prisoner. "He has threatened to kill her because she would have nothing to do with him. Let me at him!"

Kirkpatrick wandered through the streets of the town last night, and this morning appeared haggard and wild-looking at the cell room doors of the police station to know if any arrests had been made. This was the first intimation he had that Geyser had been taken in by the authorities.

Geyser, whose father is connected with the city fire department and is strong in politics, said later he had met Mrs. Kirkpatrick on the street about 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening and had talked with her a few minutes. He had not seen her again. Asked where he had spent the rest of the evening, he said, "In a saloon uptown."

The body of the murdered woman was viewed in an undertaker's shop by many hundred shop girls, who had known Mattie Shook and had admired her beauty before she became Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

ACCUSED AS HEART ROBBER.

Chicago Woman Chastised for Taking Husband from Wife.

Chicago, Feb. 9.—Angered at the audacity of Helen Doctores, a young woman whom she accuses of stealing the affections of a married man to the distress of his family, Miss Minnie Jacobs attempted to make up for the inadequacy of the law by chastising her in front of the county jail. She seized the woman by the arms and shook her violently.

"Shame on you!" cried Miss Jacobs, who is a probation officer and represents various Jewish charitable organizations. "I could scratch your eyes out!" continued the angry probation officer. "You are mean to steal the affections of a man who has a wife and two children."

The frightened victim managed to make her escape. The indignation of Miss Jacobs arose after the trial of Isaac Shapiro, in Judge Barnes' court. He was charged with abandoning his wife.

Miss Doctores was waiting opposite the jail, it is said, with a view of meeting Shapiro as soon as he regained his freedom.

Society Woman to Manage Hotel.

Los Angeles, Feb. 9.—Mrs. L. T. Logan, niece by marriage of the late General John A. Logan, has forced her way into the business world of Los Angeles. She has emphatically answered the question Can a woman compete with men on an equal basis? She so impressed business men with her ability that she was offered and has accepted the management of a large hotel surmounting the Olive street hill, near Angels' Flight. Mrs. Logan is well known socially, both in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Her invasion into the realm of business was a surprise to her friends and they are gratified at her success.

Stabs Brother at Table.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—Ambrose Shakespeare, 14 years old, was fatally stabbed by his brother, Thomas, three years older, while at the breakfast table in their home. They quarreled at the table, and Thomas, seizing a broad knife, stabbed his younger brother several times. He was arrested.

COTTON GROWERS IN SESSION IN ATLANTA

Sub Committee Will Draft By Laws and Constitution.

OTHER IMPORTANT BUSINESS

Association's Warehouse Committee Will Also Meet—Several of the Prominent Cotton Growers in South Are Present at Meeting.

Atlanta, Feb. 9.—By-laws and a constitution for the Southern Cotton association, recently organized at New Orleans, are being drafted by a sub-committee of the executive committee, which is in session at the Piedmont hotel. It is not likely the work will be ready for two days, as the committee is doing its duty with great care, and each detail is being fully discussed and thoroughly considered before it is embodied in the organic law of the association. It is the purpose of the committee to prepare a constitution of such qualities and strength that every one interested in the cotton industry and the future welfare of the south will be well pleased and well stand ready to support the organization in its efforts to better the existing conditions.

The following well known and prominent cotton men are present at the meeting: Richard Cheatham, of Wall, Miss., secretary of the association; John McC. Martin, of Fort Gibson, Miss., chairman; J. A. Brown, of Chadbourne, N. C.; E. D. Smith, of Magnolia, S. C.; H. Y. Brooke, of Luverne, Ala., and R. R. Dancy, of Houston, Tex., who holds the proxy of J. H. McConnell, of Dallas, Tex.

The committee is representative, and numbers among its members some of the brainiest men in the south, men familiar with the cotton industry and other conditions of the section.

President Harvie Jordan, of Monticello, Ga., president of the association, was not present at the meeting Tuesday morning, having gone to Elberton to attend a cotton meeting. He will reach Atlanta shortly, and will assist the committee with its work.

In addition to the constitution and by-laws committee, the Piedmont hotel will also be the scene of the meeting of the warehouse committee of the association. This body was in session in New Orleans on Feb. 4, but, failing to complete its work, adjourned to meet in Atlanta on Feb. 7. The body will probably get together in the afternoon.

The meetings of the committees are among the most important matters on tap in the country today, and the work of the two bodies will be watched with keen interest all over the south, likewise in New York and Liverpool, Eng., where greedy speculators have in the past attempted to regulate the price of the fleecy staple in which the south is so much interested.

The Southern Cotton association is closely affiliated and identified with the Planters' Cotton Holding and Commission company, recently organized at New Orleans.

W. B. Brown, of New Orleans, the Cotton King, is president of the holding company, which has assurances of financial support from the strongest banks in the south.

It is the purpose of the company to retire 2,000,000 bales of cotton, and the cotton association is now making arrangements to assist in the retirement of the cotton.

Habeas Corpus Is Suspended.

Manila, Feb. 9.—Habeas corpus has been suspended in the provinces of Cavite and Batangas. Major-General Corbin is co-operating with Governor Wright, and is giving him every possible aid in suppressing lawlessness. Federal troops, consisting of detachment of picked sharpshooters, work in conjunction with the native scouts and the constabulary. Federal troops garrison the towns, and martial law has practically been established. The present situation in the two provinces is partially due to the ladronism and to disaffection fostered by the opponents of the internal revenue law.